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SUBJ: UN FINANCING: FINAL PAYMENT OF REGULAR BUDGET
ASSESSMENT

1. USUN RECEIVED LETTER NOV. 14 FROM UN ACTING HEAD
OF FINANCIAL SERVICES (ZIEHL) REAFFIRMING "NEED FOR
URGENT PAYMENT BY U.S. OF BALANCE OF ITS REGULAR BUDGET
CONTRIBUTION FOR 1973." COPY OF ZIEHL LETTER POUCHED
DEPARTMENT (IO/HENNES). ACCORDING TO OUR CALCULATIONS
BALANCE OUTSTANDING IS APPROXIMATELY \$4.4 MILLION.

2. ZIEHL MAKES POINT IN LETTER THAT PAYMENT IS
PARTICULARLY NEEDED DUE TO UNEF, SINCE HE IS DRAWING ON
REGULAR BUDGET PAYMENTS TO MEET FORCE COSTS PENDING
COMPLETION OF UNGA ACTION ON REPORT OF SYG (A/9285) ON
FINANCING OF UNEF.

3. ZIEHL FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE WAS INFORMED THIS
MORNING THAT USSR HAS AGREED TO ADVANCE PAYMENT OF
AMOUNT OUTSTANDING ON ITS 1973 REGULAR BUDGET CONTRIBUTION
AS RESPONSE TO REQUEST OF SYG FOR EARLY CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR UNEF. SOVIET MEMBER ACABQ (GRODSKY) ANNOUNCED
IN COMMITTEE THIS AFTERNOON THAT USSR PAYMENT CAN BE
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"EXPECTED TO BE MADE WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS."

4. IN FOOTNOTE TO ZIEHL'S LETTER HE POINTS OUT THAT UN HAD "AGREED EARLIER IN 1973 TO ACCEPT \$600,000 ... IN ISRAELI POUNDS" AS US PAYMENT; HOWEVER, "PAYMENT WAS MADE BY US IN DOLLARS INSTEAD". HE GOES ON TO SAY THAT NOW UN "COULD TAKE UP TO \$500,000" OF ISRAELI POUNDS TO MEET UNEF COSTS. WHILE ZIEHL REFERS TO THIS AS AN "ADVANCE" ON OUR UNEF PAYMENT, HE UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES TO ACCEPT PAYMENT AND TREAT IT SIMILAR TO \$1 MILLION IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS WHICH WE RECENTLY PAID AS PART OF OUR 1973 REGULAR BUDGET ASSESSMENT. PAYMENT WOULD BE CHANNELED INTO UNEF SPECIAL ACCOUNT WITH REPAYMENT TO REGULAR BUDGET ACCOUNT IN DOLLARS ONCE US MAKES ITS UNEF CONTRIBUTION.

COMMENT: GIVEN SERIOUSNESS OF UN FINANCIAL SITUATION, WHICH HAS BEEN COMPOUNDED BY UNEF OPERATION, MISSION URGES DEPARTMENT TO EXPEDITE PAYMENT TO UN OF AMOUNT OUTSTANDING FOR OUR 1973 REGULAR BUDGET ASSESSMENT. IN SO DOING WE RECOMMEND THAT \$500,000 BE PAID IN ISRAELI POUNDS.
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